Corporation of Ghaziabad has informed that no land records are missing.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Captive Power Project

2814. SHRI BHAKTA CHARAN DAS : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have allowed Captive Power projects and independent power producers to adopt the MOU route instead of the mandatory international competitive bidding route;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the guidelines issued by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. With a view to facilitate establishment of captive power units and establishment of generating stations by Independent Power Producers (IPPs) exclusively for the captive use of an industry or a group of industries, without involving any sale to the State grid, the Government of India have decided that the selection of such IPPs through competitive bidding by the States or State Electricity Boards would not be required.

Single Directive

2815. LT. GENERAL SHRI PRAKASH MANI TRIPATHI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the "Single Directive" issued in 1988, has prohibited the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) from investigating Joint Secretary level bureaucrats and above on corruption, without prior permission of the Government; and

(b) if so, the number of cases where permission has been granted by the Government during the last three years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN) : (a) According to the procedure prescribed for investigation against decision making officers of the level of Joint Secretary and above of the Government of India, the CBI requires prior sanction of the Secretary of the administrative Ministry/Head of Department of an Organisation before initiating investigation. This procedure is to ensure that the honest officers are protected against vexatious, frivolous and malacious investigation while corrupt and the guilty are punished.

(b) During the last three years i.e. 1994, 1995 and 1996, permission for investigation has been granted in 35 cases as under :

Year	No. of cases in which permission has been granted.
1994	9
1995	12
1996	14
Total :	35

Hydrocarbon Resources

2816. SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the total Hydrocarbon resources established from survey in Eighth Five Year Plan;

(b) the total hydrocarbon produced during the plan period; and

(c) the hydrocarbon production projected for Ninth Five Year plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) In the first four years of the VIII Five Year Plan period, the inplace reserve accretion of hydrocarbons has been estimated at about 427 MMT of oil and oil equivalent of gas. The reserves for the terminal year of the plan period are yet to be estimated.

(b) During the VIII Five Year Plan period, the total production is estimated to be about 255.14 MMT of oil and oil equivalent of gas.

(c) The production for the IX Five Year Plan period is 292 MMT of oil and oil equivalent of gas.

R and D in Biotechnology

2817. SHRI ANNASAHIB M.K. PATIL : Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state :

(a) the Central sector schemes for promotion and development of R and D in Bio-Technology details thereof;

(b) the details of financial assistance provided and actually utilised for education and R and D of biotechnology during the last five years with State-wise break-up and achievement reported;

(c) the details of foreign assistance received for major projects and progress achieved under these projects;